

Hong Kong's latest foreign currency reserve assets figures released

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) announced today (October 7) that the official foreign currency reserve assets of Hong Kong amounted to US\$495.0 billion as at the end of September 2021 (end-August 2021: US\$497.1 billion) (Annex).

There were no unsettled foreign exchange contracts at end-September 2021 and end-August 2021.

The total foreign currency reserve assets of US\$495.0 billion represent about seven times the currency in circulation or 48 per cent of Hong Kong dollar M3.

Release calendar

The release calendar of foreign currency reserve assets for 2022 is announced below:

Reference Month	Release Date
January 2022	February 9, 2022
February 2022	March 7, 2022
March 2022	April 7, 2022
April 2022	May 6, 2022
May 2022	June 7, 2022
June 2022	July 7, 2022
July 2022	August 5, 2022
August 2022	September 7, 2022
September 2022	October 7, 2022
October 2022	November 7, 2022
November 2022	December 7, 2022
December 2022	January 6, 2023

At present, four press releases relating to the Exchange Fund's data are issued by the HKMA each month. Three of these releases are issued to disseminate monetary data in accordance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). The fourth press release, on the Exchange Fund's Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account, is made in accordance with the HKMA's policy of maintaining a high level of transparency. For the month of October 2021, the scheduled dates for issuing the press releases are as follows:

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| October 7 | SDDS International Reserves (Hong Kong's Latest Foreign Currency Reserve Assets Figures) |
| October 13 | SDDS Analytical Accounts of the Central Bank (Analytical Accounts of the Exchange Fund) |
| October 29 | SDDS Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity |
| October 29 | Exchange Fund Abridged Balance Sheet and Currency Board Account |